

**From:** Congdon, Brad  
**To:** 'microsoft.atr(a)usdoj.gov'  
**Date:** 1/10/02 8:52pm  
**Subject:** Please accept the proposed settle in the Microsoft case

Renata B. Hesse  
Antitrust Division  
U.S. Department of Justice  
601 "D" Street, N.W., Suite 1200  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Antitrust Division,

Please accept the proposed settlement in the anti-trust case involving Microsoft.

I am a US citizen living in Washington State, and I work in the high-tech industry (not at Microsoft). The opportunity to settle this case with Microsoft is an opportunity to respect the rule of law, to restore citizen's confidence in their justice system, and to begin the process of allowing the high-tech sector of the US economy to recover and prosper once again.

In my view, there can be no valid objection to this settlement because every major finding of the Appeals Court is addressed with a targeted remedy that specifically prohibits and prevents the behavior in question.

Acceptance of the proposed settlement will send a signal that the rule of law prevails, not the rule of special interests; that defendants face remedies only for those findings against them. Anything beyond this settlement would be a serious blow to the smooth functioning of free markets and the rule of law that protects them. For business to thrive in America, it must know that our government uses its power to enforce the law, not to randomly punish successful companies.

This settlement serves the best interests of American business and the American public. It fairly resolves a burdensome anti-trust case that is having severe impacts far beyond Microsoft, a case that is acting as a drag on an entire sector of our economy. Settlement of this case will free the high-technology industry to innovate and create, and will spur competition in a way that will directly benefit the entire economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brad Congdon  
8242 61st Ave NE  
Olympia, WA 98516